

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached hereto is a Replacement Sheet of drawing Figure 5, wherein Figure 5 has been amended to include a --Prior Art-- legend.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are allowed. By this Amendment, Claims 10-16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully submit no new material is presented herein.

Claims 1-9 Allowed

Applicants respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 1-9 are allowed.

Entry of Response Proper

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration on the part of the Examiner as the Amendment merely cancels non-allowed Claims 10-16 without prejudice or disclaimer; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The Amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented because it is made in response to objections raised in the Final Rejection. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Drawings

Figure 5 is objected to because only that which old is illustrated and therefore is required to be designated by a legend, such as, Prior Art. Figure 5 is amended herein to include a --Prior Art-- legend so as to be responsive to the objection. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Rejections

Claims 10-16 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,257,587 to Toth et al.. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. However, as Claims 10-16 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants respectfully submit the rejection is rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

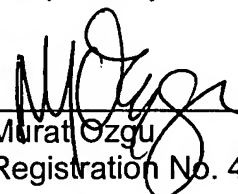
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection, allowance of Claims 1-9, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event that the filing of this paper is not deemed timely, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any petition fee for the extension of time and any other fees that may be required in relation to this paper can be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Docket No. 108179-00040.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: Replacement Figure 5

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